

GCMRC'S INSTITUTIONAL HOME¹

SCREENING CRITERIA:

The selection of a permanent institutional home for GCMRC must strike the appropriate balance among at least the following three factors:

- (1) the objectivity and credibility of GCMRC scientific activities;
- (2) the relevance and responsiveness of GCMRC scientific activities to management objectives and information needs; and
- (3) the cost-effectiveness and efficiency (including timeliness) of GCMRC scientific activities.

OPTIONS:

Management Agency Lead

Bureau of Reclamation:

- reporting to the Regional Director for the Upper Colorado region who has responsibility for managing Glen Canyon dam, or
- reporting to an office within Reclamation with agency wide responsibilities (e.g., Washington office, Denver office, a new office of adaptive management)

National Park Service:

- reporting to the Grand Canyon Science Center at Grand Canyon National Park, or
- reporting to the Cooperative Ecosystem Studies Unit (CESU) at Northern Arizona University;

Science Agency Lead

U.S. Geological Survey (USGS):

- reporting to the Office of the Director, or
- reporting to the Chief of the Biological Resources Division (formerly the National Biological Service), or
- reporting to the Western Regional Director, USGS

Inter-agency Lead

- GCMRC Chief in USGS and GCMRC staff in Reclamation

¹"To support the designee and the AMWG, it is recommended that the Secretary establish a research center [GCMRC] within the U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) and/or National Biological Service with a small permanent staff in Flagstaff, Arizona." (GCDEIS, pg. 36)